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fir. Roosevelt and a Third Term.

Harper's Weekly, the New York World, and now the Hearst syndicate of papers have predicted that the people of the United States would insist on having President Roosevelt for another term. Mr. Bryan has urged his democratic friends to support the President in his fight against the railroads, and now the President's uncle has said in a public interview that his nephew would undoubtedly be a candidate, in spite of his pledge to the contrary, if he could secure the endorsement of both the republican and democratic parties. The latter is not likely to happen as the age of miracles is past, but the last election showed that no President has ever been nearer the people since Lincoln's day. It is also true that no President in recent years has been so cordially hated by politicians or so persistently snubbed by the oligarchy officially known as the Senate. While the Senate undoubtedly performs a distinct service as a safety valve in legislation, they have continually blocked the the Boston papers; wheels of progress in the Roosevelt administration, deliberately and "with malice aforethought." Hardly a treaty that Secretary Hay ever prepared has been ratified, and because the Senate thought the President was exceeding his

The people everywhere are tremendously loyal in their support of the man that stands for a "square deal" and who "makes good" instead of playing politics. The Senate and the corporate interests may be arrayed against him, as they undoubtedly are, but a President is elected movement for his re-election is neither spasmodic nor sporadic and the country needs him at the head for several years host of warm friends. By his associates more to fight the aggressions of the rail. he was looked upon as an exceptionally roads and the trusts, as well as the arro- able and level-headed business man, and that can stop this growing movement for another term, and in the meantime it will he received his early education, later

Mr. Hay as Peacemaker.

Has it ever occurred to you that Secretary Hay's European trip may not be entirely for his health? Has it ever occurred tirely for his health? Has it ever occurred to you that he has silently stole away to arrange for peace between the two great. The husband was a member of the First arrange for peace between the two great nations now at war? He is recognized in diplomatic circles the world around as our greatest statesman, and some foreign diplomats are kind enough to call him the greatest statesman now living. It was through his initiative that the neutrality of China has been preserved in this struggle and it is highly proper that It is said that his business was largely he should arrange the terms of peace. Aside from the popular sympathy with the Japanese the United States has been the only neutral country of any of the world powers. England has long been hostile to Russia and before the war commenced had arranged an alliance with Japan. France had a similar alliance with Russia and the Parisian bankers have financed the war. A secret understanding has existed between Emperor William and Czar Nicholas since the war began and Russian troops no longer guard the German frontier, while German spies have delivered Russian revolutionists living in German cities over to the dreaded Russian secret police. The United States is therefore the only neutral power and it has in Secretary Hay a man splendidly qualified for a delicate and difficult position. If our conjecture is correct and he succeeds in his mission, it will not only be the crowning act of a brilliant diplomatic career, but it will redound to the everlasting credit of the Roosevelt administration to which Mr. Hay has been so loyal and so helpful

The Yellow Peril.

If Emperor William still fears that Europe will one day be invaded by the Chinese as the continent once was by the Mongolians, he will probably be alarmed by the plans of China to establish a new navy. Sir Robert Hart, the English statesman who is the director-general of customs in the empire, has just submitted a plan to the Pekin government whereby the internal revenue will be increased from \$56,800,000 to \$284,000,-000. With the additional money thus btained he proposes to build 20 battle

ships, 20 armored cruisers and 120 torpedo boats. It would take 10 years to construct this formidable fighting fleet and then if Japan and China join hands they would undoubtedly be masters of the Orient and keep the European nations from acquiring any more territory along the Chinese sea.

Foreign Notes of Interest.

The amount of money advanced to Irish tenants for the purchase of their lands under the various acts of Parliament passed since 1886 is, according to a parliamentary paper, \$128,866,015.

It is proposed by the German government to raise the peace strength of the army to 506,000 privates, corporals and lance corporals. The military estimates show an increase of nearly \$20,000,000.

Every Russian minister receives a salary of about \$12,500 a year, and the ministers of the interior and finance receive large additional sums. The salary is for life, even if the minister is only in office a lew months.

In one unbroken nocturnal flight the European bird known as the northern bluethroat has been known to travel from Central Africa to the German Ocean a distance of 1,600 miles, making the ourney in nine hours.

The Argentine Republic will spend, in the next five years, \$40,000,000 on new railways and branch lines. Up to the present time most of the rolling stock in use on the Argentine railroads has been imported from England, Germany and Belgium. The first dolls of which there is any knowledge were found among the treasures unearthed from the ruins of Babylon.

A BOSTON SUICIDE.

Assyrian children.

They are small figures of terra cotta and

ivory, beautifully carved and must have been fascinating playthings for the little

Clarence M. Merriman, formerly of St. Johnsbury, Ends His Life in Boston

Last Wednesday's Boston papers recorded the suicide of Clarence M. Merriam, who formerly lived here and whose family is well remembered by many, his father having been at one time a member of the wholesale grain firm of Spencer, Pearl & Merriam. The news of his sudden death came as a great shock to his friends and acquaintances. He was a student in St. Johnsbury Academy in 1897. The following report is taken from

After sending word to three of his business acquaintances to surely call on him in the atternoon at his room at Clark's hotel, as he would be there to show them something of importance, Clarence Messer Merriam, aged 32, of Newton Center. an investment broker, with offices at 159 thought the President was exceeding his constitutional limitations the arbitration treaties were so amended that they were rendered useless and pending negotiations with foreign countries ended.

The president was exceeding his Devonshire street, lay back on the bed in his room Wednesday afternoon, and fired a shot into his right temple, and took his life instantly. As far as is known, his health was good; at least his general demeanor gave that impression to those who were with him most. morning of the day he had planned to die he was apparently cheerful.

Saturday evening he registered at Clark's hotel, telling his wife that he was obliged to stay in town a few nights owing to the pressure of business. Since that day he has preserved his usual by the American people and the vote of side many friends, both in the business the humblest citizen counts as much as Sen- and social world, and several men called on him during the days he stopped at the hotel. For nearly six years he had been a resi-

dent of Newton Centre, and had made a socially he was extremely popular. He. gance of the Senate. He is the only man came to Newton Center from the west. He was a native of Waterbury, Conn., where be well to keep your eye on Mr. Roosevelt. graduating from Williams college. home on Ridge av. while modest and un-pretentious, was furnished in a manner denoting refinement and taste. With him lived his wife, to whom he was wedded before coming to this city, and their two daughters, aged 5 and 8 years. The Congregational church. Among his associates in the numerous social organizations of which Merriam was a member he was regarded as an all-round good tellow, and was always among the first to enter into any entertainment or festivity which was being planned. He was an expert golfer and took part in all the tournaments of the Newton Center club. confined to placing western mortgages, and as far as can be learned his affairs were in a sound and prosperous con-

Matt B. Jones, a lawyer at 101 Milk street also well known in St. Johnsbury, has acted as attorney for Merriman in the few instances when the latter has had occasion to need legal services, but when Mr. Jones was asked if he could give a reason for the suicide, he took up a morning paper, pointed to the article on the suicide, and said: There's the whole story. The newspapers have already got the whole story. There is nothing more to be said. I don't know what the reason is for the suicide. I suppose there is a reason, because a man doesn't commit such an act without a reason, but what that reason is I don't know, and I don't believe there is a man living who knows. This is all I

have to say about it.

Mr. Merriam leaves a twin brother Carroll M., a sister, the wife of Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, one other brother and his father and mother in Topeka,

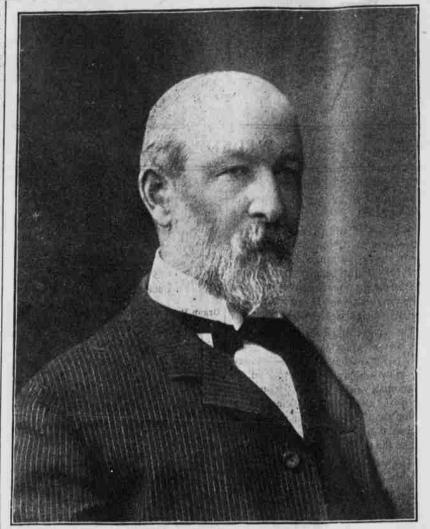
Current Press Comment. *

What Local Option Means. With only 34 towns and cities in Vermont voting for license, and with some of these so small in population that it will be impraticable for them to issue licenses, Vermont as a state is pretty close to the prohibition class. The duty of prohibitionists is apparently not to attempt to repeal the present law, but to bring the people of certain communities up to the point where, through local option, they will reject the license feature.—[Brattleboro Phonix.

Coleridge Revised.

"He prayeth well who loveth well Both man and bird and benst." He talketh well who poudereth well, Till wisdom is increased,

"He prayeth best who loveth best All things both great and small." He talketh best who talketh least, Oralmostnotatall.—[Somerville journa



The Caledonian extends congratula- | Page's life; we hope it will be many practice of the golden rule. This is not christian man. the time nor the place for a sketch of Mr.

tions to Hon. Carroll S. Page of Hyde | years before his obituary is written. But Park who celebrates this week his fiftieth in the stress of daily life it is good to anniversary in the calf skin business. Few | pause and think of the success a Vermont men under sixty celebrate a golden captain of industry has achieved, not by wedding in business, and few are more any combination of interests or modern deserving of congratulations upon their trust methods, but single-handed and success than this typical and worthy alone. Today he is at the head of the Vermonter. Mr. Page's success was largest business of its kind in the world achieved, as he was neither born great and we rejoice in his success. And nor had greatness thrust upon him. whether in business or in statecraft, in Success in his business and honors in both of which spheres of activity he has public life came to him as the reward of attained great distinction, he is always industry, integrity and the continuous | the same honest, earnest and lovable

PROF. FAIRBANKS WINS CASE. Decision in the Supreme Court of the United States in a St. Johnsbury Bankruptcy Case.

It is rarely that St. Johnsbury parties recall that some months ago Frank D. Thompson, as trustee, appealed the case and Porter and Thompson, and the defendant's by C. A. Prouty of Washington, Harry Blodgett and the late Jonathan Ross. The facts in the case were

Herbert E. Moore on the 30th day of June, 1900, filed his voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court for the district of Vermont, and Moore was by said court duly adjudged a bankrupt, and on the 15th day of September, 1900, Frank D. Thompson was appointed trustee of Moore's estate in bankruptcy.

Mr. Fairbanks had assisted Moore in the purchase of a livery stock at St. Johnsbury, signed notes with him at banks, and to secure Mr. Fairbanks therefor, Moore on the 15th day of April, 1891, gave a chattel mortgage on the livery property, which mortgage con-tained the following provision, "also all horses and livery property that I may purchase in my business or acquire by

On the 7th day of May, 1900, John Ryan placed an attachment on the entire Moore livery stock. Mr. Fairbanks on the 16th day of May, 1900, with the consent of Moore took posssession of all the livery property at the Moore livery stable under his mortgage, the condition of which had been broken, and on the 11th day of June, 1900, caused it to be sold at sheriff's sale upon the mortgage; the property, so sold, brought \$922 08, which was paid over to Mr. Fairbanks, it being much less than the sum his due, and for which he was held at banks for Moore. At the time of the sale, all of the property sold, except two horses, been acquired by Moore, by sales, purchases, and exchange, subsequent to the execution of the mortgage.

Mr. Thompson, after his appointment as trustee, brought suit in the Vermont court, against Mr. Fairbanks, claiming to recover the amount for which the property sold, \$922.08; the case was referred to Hon. George M. Powers, who found the facts, and the cause was afterwards passed to the supreme court of Vermont, and in an opinion by Judge Watson, the court held, that the chattel mortgage was valid, and that under it Mr. Fairbanks could hold the afteracquired property, and that the taking possession of the after-acquired property, and sale of same under the circumstances was not an unlawful preference, which could be set aside by the bankruptcy pro-ceedings, and so rendered judgment for the defendant Fairbanks.

Mr. Thompson then sued out a writ of error from the supreme court of the United States to review the judgement of the supreme court of Vermont, and the case was submitted on the 6th day of January, 1905, to the supreme court of the United States for decision.

In an opinion by Mr. Justice Peckham, it is adjudged; 1. Whether and to what extent a chattel mortgage covering after-acquired property is valid is a local question on which the decisions of the state courts will be followed by the federal supreme court in determining whether the taking possession of the mortaged chattels after condition broken amounted to a preference voidable by the mortgagor's trustee in bankruptcy.

2. The decision of a state court as to whether a conveyance by a bankrupt was made with intent to defraud creditors does not present a federal question which can be considered by the federal

supreme court on writ of error to a state

3. The enforcement in Vermont of the inchoate lien of a valid recorded chattel mortgage covering after-acquired property, by taking possession of such prop figure in a case in the United States erty with the mortgagor's consent after supreme court, but our readers may condition broken, as authorized by the recall that some months ago Frank D. mortgage, withoutfraud, but with knowledge of the mortgagor's insolvency, and contemplated bankruptcy, and with of Herbert E. Moore vs. Henry Fair- the intent to make the lien available for banks to the highest court in the land to the payment of the mortgage debt before have them review the judgment of the Vermont supreme court. The plaintiff not amount to a preference voidable by was represented in the United States | the trustee in bankruptcy, although such court by E. H. Deavitt of Montpelier action was taken within four months of the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, where the mortgage was executed long before that time.

4. The trustee in bankruptcy has no greater rights as against the bankrupt's chattel mortgagee, who has taken pos-session of after-acquired property under the mortgage, than he otherwise would have, because of the existence, at the time of the taking such possession of an attachment and second chattel mortgage which were both dissolved by the bankruptcy proceedings, being respectively levied and given within four months of the filing of the petition in bankruptcy. And that the judgment of the supreme court of Vermont in favor of Mr. Fair-

Home Culture Clubs.

is affirmed.

banks, the detendant, was right, and it

The town of Northampton is a model New England settlement. Some 18 years ago, Mr. George W. Cable tounded what are known as Home Culture clubs to the number of 18, the purpose being to bring together groups of persons of all classes for practical education and study in all lines. No distinction of sex, color or creed is made in these clubs, which support as many as 200 classes and are intended to build the true foundations of the state. Northampton is also the pioneer com-

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